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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Withered Dream . . .

To the Editor: It may be that I read "Llano's Withered Dream" (May 1963) with more interest than most people, for I knew Job Harriman, founder-idealist of the unfortunate colony. He was not like some of the promoters of today who take the sucker's cash, then hightail it for Bermuda with a bevy of blonds. Idealists are impractical people, alas.

The dream of this once prosperous attorney collapsed and he lost everything, except his faith that—

For a' that and a' that, It's comin' yet, for a' that, That man to man the warld o'er Shall brothers be for a' that.

> LEE STROBEL Hemet, Calif.

To the Editor: David Bailey's story in the May issue on the Llano socialistic enterprise was very interesting, but I have a question: Bailey says Llano failed for various reasons, but in particular the lack of water in a desert land; how then does the Crystalaire Country Club, which I am sure uses much water, manage to get, impound, dam or drill for the wet stuff?

HENRY C. LIND Los Gatos, Calif.

(Basically, Llano fell as a result of the Colony's lack of funds to adequately develop the Big Rock Creek supply, and in attempting to maintain a larger agricultural enterprise than the existing water conditions would support. Also, the colonists conveyed water by open ditch which, according to C. V. Paul of Crystalaire, resulted in a 50 percent loss through evaporation and seepage. Mr. Paul states that substantial sums of money were lately spent in developing the Big Rock Creek supply and that the gravelly riverbed in the Holcomb Ridge gap is now used as a vast storage basin. The water is put underground, tapped by deep well, and transported entirely by pipeline—Ed.)

Memories of Rawhide . . .

To the Editor: The article on Rawhide in your May issue brought back memories of events I played a big part in.

In the first part of the Nevada mining boom—1905—I moved to Hazen and started an auto-stage line ("The Palace Auto Transportation Co.") to Fairview. It was a 60-mile trip, and the fare was a \$20 gold piece. I drove a Winton Model A—the only car that could take off across the desert to pass the long freight wagons. The Winton went right through sand-bottomed washes and really rough going—including the road to Rawhide.

FRANK ANDREWS Modesto, Calif.

Wildflower Sanctuary . . .

To the Editor: It is important for the future that a Wildflower National Monument be established on the Mojave Desert—now—before the land is swallowed-up and erased forever. No one can better appreciate the necessity for the preservation of such undeveloped areas as we can here in Los Angeles.

MRS. JOHN PENDLETON Los Angeles

Gold Camp ...

To the Editor: Another fine issue of DESERT (June). Particularly appreciated Lady Rae Eastland's "Gold Camp on the Mojave". I think the John Burgess sketches are outstanding. But for the enterprise and vision of such people as the Glen Settles, our "gold camps" and "ghost towns" would be, as the author so accurately stated, but "boards and broken bits".

G. D. LAWREL Fresno

Canyonlands National Park . . .

To the Editor: I was very happy to see the proposed Canyonlands National Park being considered on its merits in your April issue. However, I believe the case for a large unified park was not well stated in the article by D. James Cannon. As an artist and also as one who is interested in the economic importance of this park to Utah, I believe in the creation of a large unified park. If mining and other commercial uses are permitted in the area, I feel it essential that

the area from the Island in the Sky, including Dead Horse Point, to and including the gorges of the Colorado and Green rivers, be protected according to the highest national park standards.

An important piece of evidence as to the economic value of the park has been overlooked. Professor Claron E. Nelson, Department of Business and Economic Research, University of Utah, at the conclusion of his analysis of the report submitted by the Department, said:

"... the first and foremost consideration must be the protection and development of the nonrenewably unique and economically valuable aesthetic resources of the area. Let me emphasize, when conflict occurs, the economic 'expectations' associated with mineral and grazing activities warrant only secondary consideration ..."

LYNN FAUSETT Salt Lake City

Varmint Callers . . .

To the Editor: I have followed with interest the stories and comments in your magazine regarding varmint calling (the fast-growing sport of luring predatory animals into the open with a device which simulates the cry of a rabbit in distress).

I wonder if your readers are aware of the fact that \$5,000,000 (yes, 5 million bucks!) is spent each year by the Predator and Rodent Control Branch of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service? According to one source, between 700 and 800 FWS men, supervised by nearly 100 agents, work year-round on the predators—mainly coyotes—using traps, cyanide bombs and the violent poison, sodium flouracetate (Compound 1080). Of course, the poison and traps are hardly selective, and foxes, bobcats, badgers, bears, some birds, domestic animals and even humans are their victims.

The Fish and Wildlife Service works hard to eliminate the coyote—then faced with an over-population of rodents, spends another million dollars to help control this problem.

Everything considered, it seems the few animals taken by the varmint caller is a drop-in-the-bucket. It should also be pointed out that not all varmint callers go into the field armed with guns. Some have cameras—and others simply enjoy a close look at animals that are usually very evasive.

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Choral and Jack Pepper DESERT'S NEW EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

DESERT CHANGES HANDS. Sale of Desert Magazine, effective June 1, was announced by Charles Shelton, president of the corporation. New publisher is Jack Pepper, former newspaperman and public relations executive, who has moved to Palm Desert from Las Vegas, where he has lived the past 10 years.

The new owner's wife, Mrs. Choral Pepper, author of many DESERT articles, is now editor of the publication.

"As the new publisher of DESERT," Pepper stated, "I want to assure our readers there will be no radical changes in 'the magazine of the Southwest' which for the past 26 years has faithfully, accurately and interestingly chronicled the activities of life in this fascinating corner of America. Choral and I are both proud to be a part of the DESERT family."

Following 12 years as a newspaperman on the east and west coasts, Pepper was named manager of the Las Vegas News Bureau where he directed the resort's national publicity and promotion campaigns. For the past two years he has operated his own public relations firm in Las Vegas.

Shelton said the sale includes the title of the magazine, its subscription list and files only. The famed Desert Art Gallery was not included in the sale.

Eugene L. Conrotto, who has been on DESERT's staff since 1955 and editor since 1958, will be associated with Shelton in the general publication field, and will maintain offices in the Desert Magazine building in Palm Desert.

GUNNERY RANGE. The U.S. Navy took a big step closer to grabbing the deed to 132,000 acres of public land in California's Chocolate Mountains, which it has been using as an aerial gunnery range for

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Address Correspondence To: Desert Magazine, Palm Desert, Calif. Phone: FI 6-8144 20 years. The House Public Lands subcommittee recently approved the formal withdrawal af the acreage. The Western Oil and Gas Association protested the move, saying a portion of the area merited further prospecting for petroleum. The Navy countered with the announcement that it would have no objection to mineral exploration in the Chocolates — provided the prospectors and oil crews did their work when the Navy fliers were not overhead. The range was in use 270 days during the past 12 months.

MISSION TO THE NAVAJOS. The first Episcopal Mission to be established in the Utah area of the Navajo Reservation will celebrate its 20th anniversary on July 25. St. Christopher's Mission near Bluff was founded by the Rev. Baxter H. Liebler, whose career in Navajoland has been chronicled over the years in the pages of DESERT. Fr. Liebler recently retired, and the new vicar is Rev. Wayne L. Pontious. Following a Pontifical High Mass at 10 a.m., there will be a sort of Fourth of July, Navajo style. The Mission will offer cash prizes for rug weaving and for artwork in painting, silver and leather work. In the afternoon, games and contests will be organized, including sack races, archery, water boiling (starting from scratch), bread baking, and a "chicken pull" (which today means pulling money sacks, not chicken heads, out of the ground from the back of a galloping horse). In the evening there will be fireworks and a squaw dance. Should be fun.

NEW SMALL TRACT AREAS. The Riverside Land Office of the Bureau of Land Management has added to its Small Tract listings more than 900 new parcels, bringing to almost 5000 the total tracts now available. The new listings are for land in the Little Lake, Willow Springs, Barstow and Lancaster areas, where there has been no land on the market for the past two or three years. Tracts are sold at the Land Office each Wednesday at 10 a.m. to the highest bidder at or above the appraised value—which runs from \$150 to \$2250 for a five-acre parcel.

SALTON OCTOPUS. A lot of things have turned up in the Salton sea—but for the first time an octopus made its appearance. There can be no doubt that the creature was transplanted in Salton, probably a visitor from one of the Pacific Coast towns. The Salton octopus 18 inches in diameter, was captured by a 12-year-old boy.

JULY CALENDAR. July 3-4: Holbrook, Arizona, Sheriffs Posse Rodeo. July 4: Victorville Stellarbration, parade at 10 a.m., sport events during the day, stage show and fireworks in evening. July 4: Bisbee Celebration includes Hard Rock Drilling Contest and parade. July 4: Fireworks at these Arizona towns: Globe, Glendale, Casa Grande, Williams, Winslow and Phoenix. July 4: Fireworks Show, Palm Springs. July 4-5: Annual Sedona Carnival. July 4-6: Flagstaff All Indian Pow-Wow. July 4-6: Prescott Frontier Days. July 6-7: Kiwanis Rodeo, Fallon, Nevada. July 24: Pioneer Day Celebration in Salt Lake City and most other Mormon-founded cities and towns in Utah and northern Arizona.





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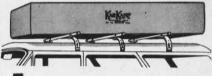


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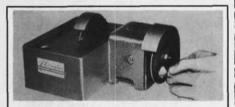
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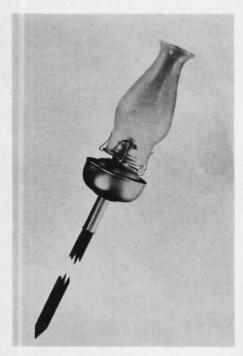


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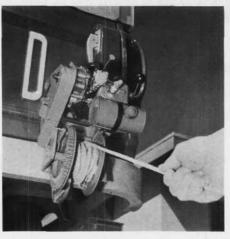
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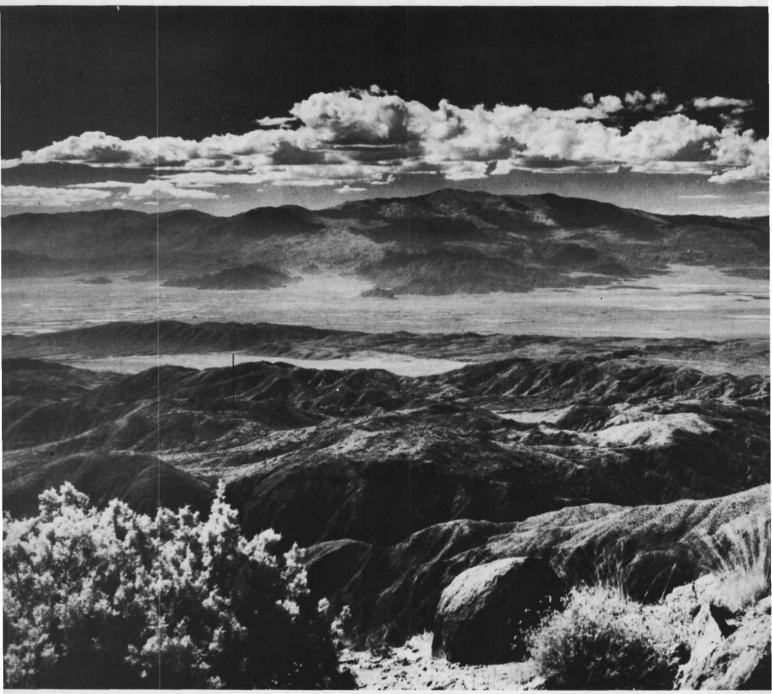
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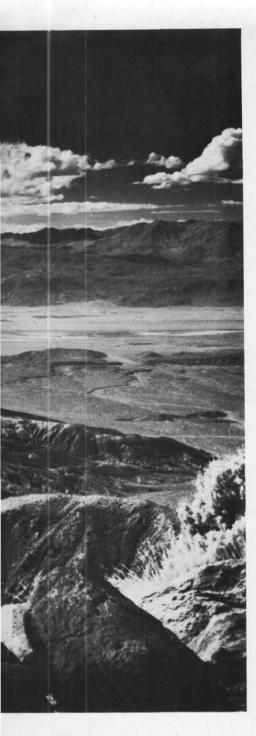
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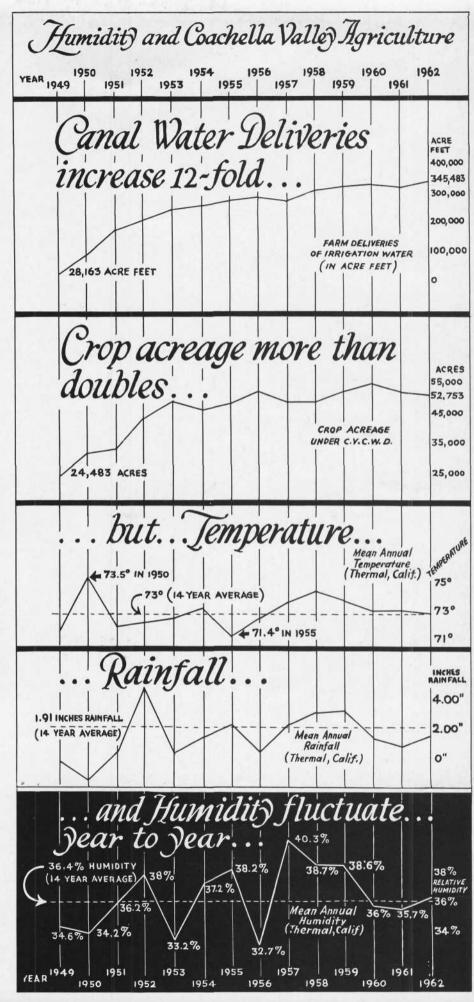
secretary to the general manager, Coachella Valley County Water District

N THE Coachella Valley, when the conversation turns to "weather" and gets much beyond the "nice day" stage, there inevitably follows a discussion about humidity. The consensus appears to be that humidity has increased markedly over the past few years, and that this is due



to the local increase in agriculture and of irrigation. It is one thing to express doubt as to the validity of that opinion and another to present conclusive evidence to refute it, because humidity measurements have been meager and those observations that do exist had not been compiled.

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Weather observations were made every hour during the period 1949 to the present. Four observations per day, 4 a.m., 10 a.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m., were selected as being representative of daily humidity values. (Indeed, a sample, selected at random showed the difference between the mean of the four observations, and that of the mean of the 24 observations, to be less than 3%.) The number of computations in this study totals 20,482.

With annual rainfall approximately 3 inches, crops are irrigated by individually-owned wells or by water from the All-American Canal. Prior to the completion of the Coachella Branch of the canal in the late '40s, crop acreage was restricted, since the use of water from wells had produced a serious lowering of the watertable. The availability of canal water resulted in a rapid expansion of farming, and acreage serviced by irrigation water increased from 24,483 acres in 1949 to 55,510 acres in 1960. Total farm acreage increased from 34,727 acres in 1949 to 60,442 acres. This constitutes about 75% of the available land under the Water District's irrigation service facilities and approximately 44% of the total arable land of the Coachella Valley.

The amount of water distributed by the Coachella Valley County Water District increased from 28,163 acrefeet in 1949, to 345,483 acrefeet in 1962. The amount of water used for irrigation from individually owned wells is not available, but the number of wells in use increased from 1200 in 1936, to 3375 in 1962. Crops require about 6.5 acrefeet of water per acre, per year. This means, then, that nearly 400,000-acrefeet of water is required to support Coachella Valley agriculture.

It is understandable — with this amount of water applied to the soil and the enormous quantities of water released to the atmosphere by transpiration from the variety of farm crops — why many people have come to the conclusion that humidity is increasing. To say that there has been no increase probably is not

strictly true, but the magnitude of change is not detectable in the array of data. Annual humidity averages, when arranged in order of ascending values, show the maximum occurring in 1957—while the number of acrefeet of water used increased by 25%, and total acreage of farm land increased by 21% from 1957 to 1962.

Little or no relationship appears to exist between annual mean tem-

MONTHLY AVERAGE, COACHELLA VALLEY'S MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY (1949-1963)

January	 49%
February	 41%
March	 36%
April	 33%
Мау	 30%
June	 27%
July	 32%
August	 34%
September	 33%
October	 . 35%
November	 41%
December	 47%

peratures and humidity, but there is a correlation between annual rainfall and humidity.

Since no correlation can be found between humidity and crop acreage, or between humidity and irrigation, it must be concluded that agriculture has not increased humidity. This is exactly as would be expected, for the total acreage under cultivation is exceedingly small compared to that of the surrounding valley and mountains. It should be noted too, that the Salton Sea, covering some 330,000 acres in the southern portion of the valley, and with an annual evaporation rate of 68 inches, exerts only a minor influence on Coachella Valley climate. Sand and desert vegetation extend to the water's edge, and temperatures are moderated only a comparatively short distance from the Sea. It would seem to us that this should put to rest, once and for all, the often heard statement that swimming pools are a contributing factor in the humidity!

Date gardens and cultivated fields moderate temperature and humidity only in the immediate vicinity and more often within their borders. When you observe the topography of the Coachella Valley and other irrigated desert valleys, and realize the tremendous volume of air flowing through them, when you note the mixing effects of mountain and valley breezes and the turbulence created by surface heating; then you realize that agriculture does not, and cannot affect the humidity of these great desert valleys.

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Edited By Frank Jensen

The desert photographer has at his disposal a wealth of material that runs the gamut from human interest and outdoor action material to landscapes. Probably nowhere in the world, other than in the great Ameri-

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Desert Camera

For amateur and professional photographers the desert area of the Southwest is a land of contrasts and a continuing challenge. Where there are deep shadows and light one minute there will be brilliant color the next, only to fade into a "no picture" within a matter of seconds.

Starting with the July issue Frank Jensen will edit our new "Desert Camera" feature. One of the best photographer-writers in the Southwest, Mr. Jensen will also have suggestions from other nationally known photographers, plus suggestions you might want to share with DESERT readers.

A resident of Cedar City, Utah, Mr. Jensen taught photography at the University of Utah and for seven years was a writer-photographer for a Utah metropolitan newspaper. He is now a free lance photographer-writer and is equally adept at handling a typewriter, still cameras and 16mm. motion picture equipment.

can deserts of the Southwest, is the scenery more striking, or the sunsets more brilliant. And the river rat, nomadic Navajo Indian, and cowhand are still very much a part of the desert scene.

It matters little whether you are equipped with a simple box camera, or have cameras, lenses, and accessories that allow you to explore the full range of photography. The important thing is you enjoy creating a picture on film, and you want to share the results of your labors with others.

Here is one idea for a starter. Before you make that next trip to the desert, plan a few basic picture ideas in advance which you can incorporate into a film slide presentation, or make the layout in the family album something more than a conglomeration of snapshots. A trip to collect rocks, for example, if recorded on film, might include the following photographs:

- 1. Loading the family vehicle, with father handing picks and other paraphernalia to other members of the family.
- 2. Vehicle traveling a back country road. Include a distant shot of the 4-wheel or truck, a medium shot from 10-15 feet of the 4-wheel approaching, and a close-up in the jeep with the family in the foreground.
- 3. Hiking away from the vehicle, Junior in the foreground carrying rock collecting equipment.
- 4. Various shots of the family collecting. Include overall and medium shots of rock collecting, along with some closeups of rocks.

The photographer who wants to elaborate on this type of pre-planning can make up a complete script in advance, put his narration on tape (coordinated of course with his pictures), add appropriate musical background, and come up with a first class slide presentation. Or, if you are simply adding snapshots to the family album, put your pictures in chronological order, and use captions to tell the story.

This writer does not pretend to be an authority on any particular field of photography, but one who has recently graduated from the rank of advanced amateurs. Therefore, I feel I might appreciate the problem of the amateur photographer perhaps more than the "old pro" who has been in the business for years. This column also invites the comments of readers and their ideas and criticisms. Photographers who have a "feel" for the desert country should share their experiences.

Future columns will deal with such subjects as equipment care in the desert, motion picture techniques for the desert photographer, exposures, use of filters in desert photography, capturing human interest, and of course, ideas submitted by the readers.



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and the Burning Moscow Mine

By RICHARD C. BAILEY

SCENIC AND historic stretches of country in California that can be termed "little known" are becoming increasingly hard to find. One of these lies just west of U. S. Highway 6, a few miles north of the growing city of Mojave. It is easily negotiable by modern automobile, even those with scant clearance. Extending roughly north and south

PHOTO OPPOSITE: THE AQUEDUCT, WHICH CAR-RIES OWENS RIVER WATER TO LOS ANGELES, CROSSES JAWBONE CANYON. R. SCHULZ PHOTO. within the southern Sierra, it is accessible by a road once followed by colorful freight outfits that plied between Los Angeles and the Kern River Mines during the 1850s and '60s. Few tourists are aware of its existence, and the only persons likely to be encountered are local ranchers and occasional government rangers. As an additional lure, it might be noted that this is also the home of numerous abandoned gold mines and includes the forgotten sites of Sageland and Claraville, burgeoning boom-camps of a century ago.

Eighteen miles north of Mojave and five miles south of Red Rock Canyon a large black-and-white high-

way sign on U. S. 6 points to "Jawbone Canyon, Kelso Valley 19." At this point an old oiled road branches into Jawbone Canyon, purportedly named from the discovery some years ago of the petrified jawbone of some ancient mammal. A short distance within Jawbone, Water Canyon approaches from the south. Considerable placer gold was recovered here by dry-washing during the 1890s. Straight ahead, a mile distant, is the great inverted siphon of the Los Angeles Aqueduct, one of the key sections in this 225 mile waterway. The aqueduct was completed in 1913 after five years of feverish labor. It skirts the eastern slope of the Sierra from



ENTRANCE TO JAWBONE CANYON ON U. S. HIGHWAY 6, 18 MILES NORTH OF MOJAVE

Owens Lake to the San Fernando Reservoir.

A short distance beyond the siphon is a small hill called Blue Point. Here the Daves Mining Company carries on one of the largest roofing rock operations in the state. Granulated fragments in all the variegated colors of the spectrum are milled and sack-

ed at this desert site for commercial distribution. The surrounding slopes are bathed in fairyland hues that seem to vary with every step of the sun's course.

At Blue Point the oiled pavement ends, and for the next 15 miles the hard-packed dirt road twists and turns and loops over rocky treeless ridges until it surmounts the final rise overlooking Kelso Valley. This crest is at an elevation of 5000 feet. From here the descent is in easy stages to the valley floor, a thousand feet below.

Arid Kelso Valley is eight miles long and three miles wide at its widest point. Profuse growths of sagebrush and Joshua trees cover its surface, but a strong contrast is provided by the Piute Range which bounds the basin on the west. On its rugged slopes are magnificent stands of oak and pine.

When the whiteman first came to Kelso, he found the land "occupied" by the Kawaiiusu Indians, an offshoot of the Southern Paiute or Chemehuevi. Padre Garces encountered Kawaiiusus in nearby Tehachapi Valley in 1776, but referred to them as Cobaji. The Indians, however, called themselves Nuwu - "people." Neighboring tribes credited them with being powerful rain doctors, and among the Kawaiiusus the richest man automatically became chief. A few tribesmen still reside in and around the valley, but no tribal units or rancherias remain. Only pictographs on rocks in the surrounding mountains provide evidence of their former presence.

At the north-end of the valley the road gradually ascends to return to the 5000 foot level. Just over the crest lies the abandoned workings of the St. John Mine, dating back to 1867. The present road runs directly through the diggings which in the 1870s consisted of eight claims covering 160 acres. The exact amount of gold extracted here is unknown, but it was undoubtedly considerable. In its March 21, 1868 issue, the Havilah Courier, at Bakersfield, reported that "the St. John Mine, at a clean-up some weeks since, obtained \$7,500 after a week's run. The company obtained \$9000 at the clean-up, after a fortnight's run." Worked intermittently into the early 1940s, the property was finally abandoned due to water encroachment. The site is presently marked by extensive rock dumps around a series of collapsed

In Kelso Canyon, two miles below the St. John, is the site of Sageland— "trading center for the New Eldorado District." Sageland was established following the discovery of the St. John and several other promising strikes. Unfortunately, most of these prospects proved illusory, and by 1872 Sageland had retrogressed to a ghost camp.



LOOKING WEST ON THE ROAD WINDING DOWN TO THE BURNING MOSCOW MINE



WEATHERED TREE TRUNKS LIE ACROSS THE MAIN SHAFT OPENING OF THE BURNING MOSCOW MINE

About the Author-

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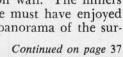
At a spot near its lower extremity, Harris Grade stems off to the west up Piute Mountain toward Claraville. Located nine miles above Sageland at an elevation of 7000 feet, Claraville was born in the early 1860s. It was named for Clara Munckton, the first white girl in camp. But a pretty name does not insure success, and in the June 22, 1869, Havilah Courier a correspondent wrote, " . . .we passed the site of Claraville, once a beautiful village, but now totally deserted -over a dozen houses, neat and comfortable in appearance without a solitary tenant."

The buildings mentioned above have disappeared. The last remaining structure, a log-and-board justice court, was dismantled and trucked to Bakersfield several years ago where it will become a restored exhibit in the county's Pioneer Village. Though Claraville's brief springtime has passed, the oaks and pine that once sheltered the miners' cabins remain, while over along the course of Kelso Creek the placer working scars

Three-and-a-half miles up Harris Grade from Sageland a small incised Forest Service sign gives directions to the "Burning Moscow Mine - 2 Miles." The rutted track leading down to this mine-with-the-intriguing-name is extremely steep and should be attempted only by those having vehicles with four-wheel power. Hardy walkers can make the fourmile roundtrip without difficulty.

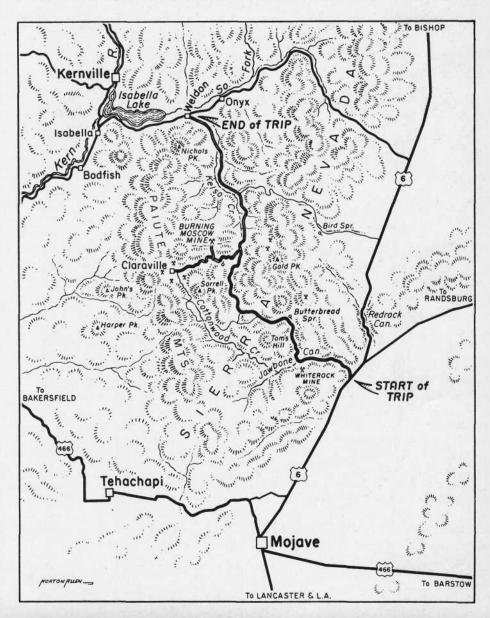
Located in a gorge overlooking the same Kelso Creek that flows through the meadow 1000 feet above, the Burning Moscow was discovered in 1867, thus making it contemporary with the St. John. Originally known as Harrold's Mine, its name was changed to Burning Moscow for no apparent reason. Perhaps it was sheer whimsy! Irrespective of its name, the mine proved a rich one and continued to be productive for many years. According to a local informant, 1932 was the last year any work was conducted at the old diggings.

Today the main shaft lies about 100 yards from the foot of the access road, its opening partially covered by a few rough-hewn planks and tree trunks. The shoring appears unstable and the shaft should be approached with care. Lower down the slope toward the creek can be seen collapsed openings of drifts that are said to run deep into the precipitous face of the canyon wall. The miners who labored here must have enjoyed the magnificent panorama of the sur-





CLARAVILLE'S LAST BUILDING - THE JUSTICE COURT - ERECTED IN THE 1860s. SOON AFTER THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN, THE EDIFICE WAS TRUCKED TO THE PIONEER VILLAGE AT BAKERSFIELD.









IN THE MIDST OF MODERNISM, MANY SOUTHWEST INDIANS CONTINUE WITH THE OLD WAYS

TOP PHOTO: New Mexico Indians still make adobe bricks by the "waffle-bed" method. LOWER LEFT: An Indian woman at the pueblo of Isleta, 12 miles south of Albuquerque, removes bread from a beehive oven. LOWER RIGHT: The Tewa speaking pueblo of San Juan is surrounded by the culture of the whiteman, but the horse-drawn wagon has not been replaced by the automobile.

What Price Acculturation?

A Report on the American Indians' Dilemma

WILL THE Indians of Arizona and New Mexico lose their cultural identity under the impact of job opportunities, integrated schooling, and TV (the latter making its way into some of the most primitive dwellings)?

This question, in one form or another, has been troubling tribal leaders, social planners, and anthropologists for a good many years. The answer is by no means easy to come by.

It's a bit trite to say it all began with Columbus, but certainly it got a start with the covered wagon. All during the pioneer period, government agents, teachers, and missionaries worked among Indians on reservations and land-grants. Wells were dug, livestock controlled. A school was built here, a church there.

To the Indians, most of it was intrusion. They sat in their kivas and other council chambers, longing for "the good old days"—at least the days when there were no palefaces around. For the most part, their policy was one of passive resistance.

They accepted the water from the wells, saw their sheep and goats increased or reduced. They sent their children to school, and a few attended the "white man's kiva." But the tendency was to cling tenaciously to their own life-way, their own methods of religious expression.

Eighty years or more of this resulted in a stalemate. Four decades into the 20th Century, Indians of the Southwest were still living at a sort of "stone age plus" cultural level. And most of them were quite satisfied with it.

Then-Pearl Harbor! In the western sea. Beyond the sunset.

Whether palatable or not, this historic event changed a great deal -

abruptly, permanently — for Southwest Indians.

Enlistment of Indians began at once. Young men of many tribes went on the warpath with other Americans in every corner of the world. In military installations in all sections of the United States, Indians saw for the first time how their fellow-countrymen lived. They liked some of the things they saw — and were determined to adapt them at home after the war.

The biggest boon to acculturation in the Southwest, however, was Los Alamos, the "atomic city" in the Jémez Mountains near Santa Fe.

It was built during the war as a part of the nation's top-secret "Manhattan project." The location was within an hour's drive of five Indian pueblos—San Juan, Santa Clara, San Ildefonso, Nambé, and Tesuque. There was a manpower shortage, and Indians in these towns wanted jobs.

Many of them were hired. Men who were farmers and women who were pottery-makers couldn't do much that required technical skill, but they made good immediately, as janitors and chambermaids. Some took on-the-job-training for more advanced work. They were useful at Los Alamos because of two striking characteristics of their heritage—unfettered allegiance to the United States, and the ability to keep silent when told it was necessary.

Most of these Indians had never before held salaried jobs. Thousands of dollars in payrolls each week changed the whole concept of living for scores of them and their families. Men unsuited to the armed services

by W. THETFORD LeVINESS

took floor-sweeping jobs at the project at \$150 a month. Women with husbands or brothers overseas made beds in the barracks at \$125. These wages were fabulous in their soil-rooted economy.

After the Japanese surrender, those who wished to remain were kept on by the post-war Atomic Energy Commission. They (and many new employees from the pueblos, of course) got the benefit of even higher salaries, due to several all-around pay increases.

Community improvement was a first demand. Tesuque, the pueblo nearest Santa Fe, provides an example of what happened.

Tesuque is a compact village in which nearly all the houses face each other around a ceremonial plaza. As is the case in all Indian pueblos, the political organization is theocratic. Since prehistoric times, power has been vested in a kiva council, a small group of male elders elected annually. Even though it was the younger people who were earning the big salaries, nothing affecting the whole pueblo could be done without consent of the council.

The old sages approved an electric line, but stipulated that every home in town must participate. Technicians were forbidden to put up poles in the plaza, or to run wires across it. Houses of the poor were wired free; thus, every family in the community benefitted by the council's decision.

Electric cookers, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, and curling irons became common household items at Tesuque. A few months after current was turned on, hardly a home was

without a radio. TV proved just as popular when it became available. Today it is commonplace in this village for men with shoulder-length hair and women wrapped in blankets to sit for hours watching the usual Hollywood output of detective thrillers, situation comedies, and "westerns." (Of the latter, those featuring Indian fighters get the most laughs.)

This is what has happened, with variations of course, in most Indian settlements of the Southwest in the past 20 years. The process is still going on. Taos and a few of the Hopi towns have resisted change, but not without damaging rifts between older and younger segments of population.

Pueblo Indians remain rooted to the soil-and the sacred dance plaza. Most of the men are still farmers, the women housewives. Relatively few take jobs too far from home to attend - and participate in - fiestas unceasing regularity held with throughout the year. Kiva councils from San Juan to Walpi cooperate by scheduling many of these events on Saturdays and Sundays. In fact, about the only ones not held on weekends nowadays are those in Tewaand Keres-language villages of New Mexico, in honor of Catholic saints whose feasts happen to fall on weekdays.

It's different with some of the other Indians of the Southwest. Many of the tribes have lost their ceremonies or are in the process of seeing them disintegrate. Often the young people take little or no interest in carrying them on. Most tribes, however, have encampments or gatherings of some kind at least once a year; at these, the old rituals are sometimes given. But many have no religious significance; they have become tourist attractions only, and there is in a few cases even a carnival atmosphere.

Emphasis on so-called "progress" has done much to bring this about. Mescalero Apaches of New Mexico, for instance, are now active in politics; their children attend integrated state-operated public schools. They have established a huge tribal enterprise at "The Summit," the highest point on U. S. 70 where it crosses the reservation between Roswell and Alamogordo.

They rent motel units in the shape of tepees, operate a well-equipped service station, with an arts-and-crafts shop and restaurant near-by. Once a year, around the Fourth of July, they hold a four-day encampment. The daytime events include baseball and rodeo. Each night the Crown

Dance (erroneously called the "Devil Dance") is held, and the year's crop of debutantes dance inside a ceremonial tepee. There is also a round dance, and visitors may join in the fun.

The dances themselves are authentic to the last detail of costume, and the whole after-dusk program takes place around a central bonfire. But there are also strings of electric lights, and hamburger stands and a loud-speaker to announce the numbers.

Other Indian events in the Southwest are staged with modern props, too. Notable are the Gallup Intertribal Ceremonial, the Flagstaff Pow-Wow, and several all-Indian fairs. But present-day Navajo "sings," along with Pueblo rituals, are something of an exception.

The Navajo reservation, largest in the United States, covers portions of New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah. Navajos have lost some of their richest ceremonialism under the pressures of acculturation in this century, but a few of the great healing rites remain. The Fire Dance, given at dawn on a winter morning in a setting of only sagebrush and burning logs, is as authentic and beautiful as ever. So is the Yeibechai, with its rhythmic, aesthetic dance of the Plumed Prayer-Sticks.

Just how long the ancient ways will last, even among the Pueblos and Navajos, is anybody's guess. The trend today is toward economic betterments, and along these lines there have been achievements.

Uranium, oil and gas were discovered on the Navajo reservation, and the tribe leases, under government supervision, much of its land to large-scale mining operations. Mining areas are also leased by Papago Indians of southern Arizona.

Papagos also flood the labor market in the vicinity with seasonal agricultural workers. A few have entered the cattle business. One source of income for poor Papago families is traditional sharing of money and goods by prosperous kinsmen. The magnitude of this "interfamily generosity" is not known.

At least two Southwestern tribes capitalize on the scenic splendors of their reservations. White Mountain Apaches of east-central Arizona run what they call a "reception enterprise," involving boating and fishing on their several high-altitude lakes. And Navajos are "selling" their sandstone monoliths and variegated desert vistas by developing roads and tourist accommodations in a spacious tribal park, comprising Monument

Valley and other parts of northeastern Arizona.

All this tends to bring the Indian of the region closer and closer to the ways of the "average American;" to an ever-increasing degree, he "conforms." But nothing has speeded the acculturation process so much as off-reservation employment, especially the government program known as "relocation."

There has been limited job-taking away from home for years. Hopis have had many kinds of work in Flagstaff, Winslow, and other Arizona cities; Navajos have found employment from Denver to San Diego. In the past decade or so, however, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has encouraged this sort of thing on a grand scale.

The purpose of the relocation program is to get jobs for Indians through regular channels in American industry. Those who enroll for training are sent, at government expense, to vocational schools in large cities of the nation. Many go to Los Angeles, but some are sent as far from home as Chicago, Cleveland, or New York. If all goes well, they are able to get jobs as skilled workers at salaries comparable to those paid non-Indians.

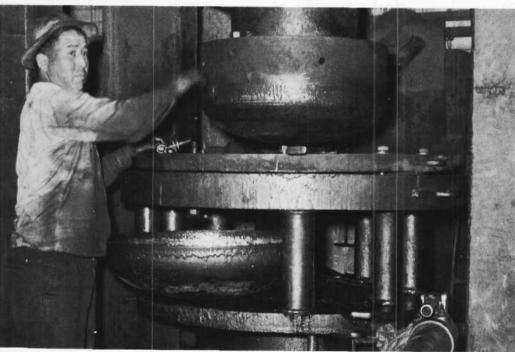
Then the government moves the family to the relocation center. At this stage the individual is considered "adjusted." Far removed from the ways of his forefathers, he and his family join the neighborhood church and any clubs or organizations they choose. The children attend city schools. Now thoroughly "conformists," they become Indian Babbitts.

This is the bright side of the picture, from the government point of view. Unfortunately, not all Indians can "adjust." Tales of Indians on "skid row" in cities across the nation have been with the relocation program from the beginning. Many return home disillusioned—examples of failure to bridge the gap from one culture to another.

Leaders in Indian Tribes throughout the Southwest say they want a higher standard of living for themselves and their peoples. They also express a wish to retain the old religious and cultural values which set them apart as Indians. From ancient times these values have been closely associated with the land they occupied.

The farther Indians stray from their land and the longer they stay away, the more of their cultural heritage they lose. The loss seems to be the inevitable price of acculturation.

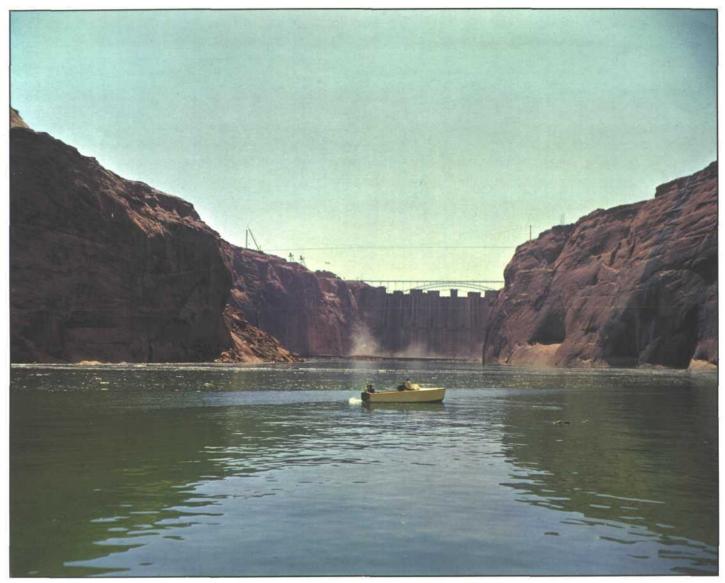






NAVAJO INDIANS IN RELOCATION WORK IN WESTERN CITIES

TOP PHOTO: A young woman operates a window shade loom at a Sausalito, California, plant. Her background in native rug weaving contributed to her qualifying for this job. LOWER LEFT: The South San Francisco tank manufacturing firm hiring this Navajo regards him as one of its best employees. He has learned to operate about every piece of heavy equipment in the plant. LOWER RIGHT: A former Tuba City resident at work in a Los Angeles leather manufacturing company.



A POWER-BOAT CRUISES TO WITHIN HAILING DISTANCE OF GLEN CANYON DAM

A LAKE IS BORN

By Jack Pepper

HEN Major John Wesley Powell led the first expedition of whitemen down the Colorado River in 1869, the one-armed explorer carved the name of his expedition on a canyon wall 500-feet below the top of a perpendicular cliff. Undoubtedly the intrepid adventurer expected his name, like prehistoric In-

dian petroglyphs, to remain through the ages as a historic landmark.

Today it has disappeared beneath the dammed waters of the once turbulent Colorado.

Held back by the \$325,000,000 Glen Canyon Dam which was completed in time to catch this spring's runoff, Lake Powell protests and fights like a giant refusing to be tamed as it rises a foot a day, gradually inundating the canyonlands between Utah and Arizona. But tamed it will be. By 1966 it is estimated that one million visitors annually will seek relaxation in the Glen Canyon Recreation Area.

Containing some of the world's most fantastic scenery and geological formations, Colorado River canyonlands were formerly accessible by strenuous tours conducted by veteran river-runners. Today they may be viewed by easy-going lake boaters. Nevertheless, these colorful river-runners remain an active part of the scene.

In addition to contributing their experience and know-how to the National Park Service, these modernday Major Powells, who know every crook and creek of the Colorado and its tributaries, will continue through this summer to make some of the river-runs in up-river waters. Veteran guides will also operate some of the new boating concessions and institute guided tours on the lake, providing the novice and non-boat owner with complete service and equipment.

(A list of these guides and their areas covered was run in the May issue of DESERT. Unfortunately, one of the pioneers and first to be granted a boating concession on Lake

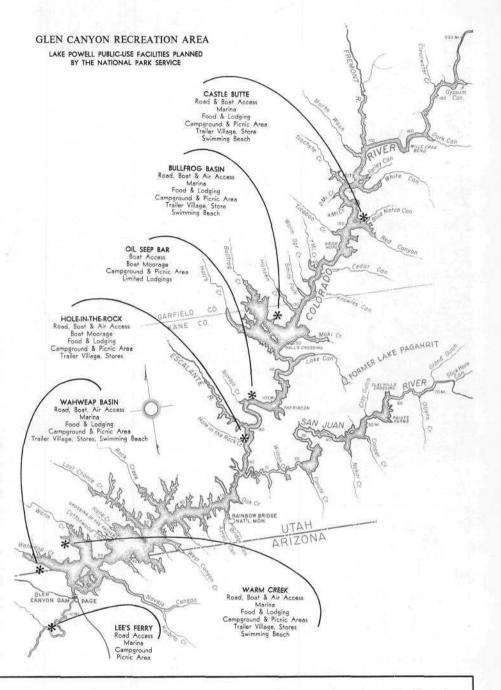
Powell, was omitted. He is Art Greene of Canyon Tours, Inc., Wahweap Lodge, P. O. Box 1356, Page, Arizona.)

Although Glen Canyon Dam, like its predecessor, Hoover Dam, which forms Lake Mead between Arizona and Nevada, was built primarily for water storage and flood control, it was realized that the lake would be a major tourist attraction. As a result, the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area was established by the United States Congress. It is administered by the Bureau of Reclamation and the National Park Service.

With headquarters at Wahweap, seven miles from Page, Superintendent James Eden and his able staff of the National Park Service are doing a superior job, considering the many unknown factors such as estimating how rapidly the water will rise and to what height at a given time.

"Public desire and demand for immediate development and expansion of recreational facilities to permit beneficial use of the maximum amount of Lake Powell's 186 miles of length is a real force," Mr. Eden explained.

"To meet this obligation, the Na-



A Word of Caution

Officials of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and the veteran river guides caution boat captains to adhere to the following:

Be sure your boat is in excellent operating condition.

Carry sufficient fuel, plus an extra can for emergencies, as there are few boats on the lake.

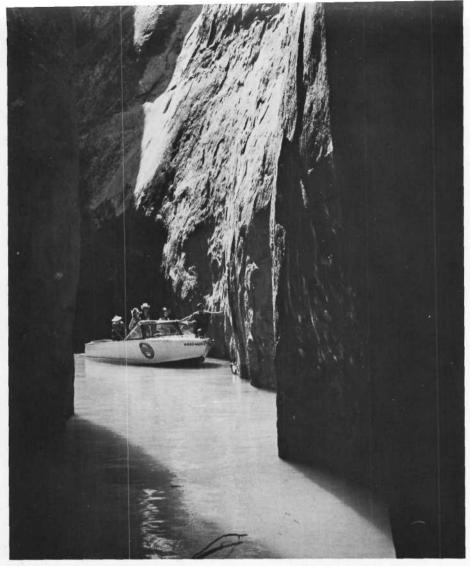
Inform operators where you launch your boat, where you are going and when you expect to return.

Check with informed sources relative to areas where you will find beaches and firewood, since the rising lake is constantly changing the complexion of the shoreline. Remember, much of the water area is still between sheer canyon walls.

Carry tools, water, food and a flashlight.

Watch for floating driftwood which may be prevalent while the lake rises.

For the protection of all concerned, water skiing will be prohibited this summer due to narrow channels and the driftwood problem. As soon as conditions change, it will be announced.



ALTHOUGH MYSTERIOUS INLETS SUCH AS THIS ONE WILL DISAPPEAR AS THE WATERS RISE, THE NEW LAKE WILL GIVE BOATERS A CHANCE TO SEE COUNTRY NEVER BEFORE VISITED BY WHITEMEN.



MR. AND MRS. J. W. STEVENSON, AND LLOYD JARVIS, OF INDIO, EXAMINE PETRIFIED WOOD THEY FOUND ON THE SHORE OF THE NEW LAKE. THE AREA ABOUNDS IN UNUSUAL ROCKS.

tional Park Service has planned for access, facilities, and services on the lakeshore at seven widely spaced locations: Wahweap, Warm Creek, Hole-in-the-Rock, Oil Seep Bar, Hall's Crossing, and Hite. In addition, floating docks and other public-use installations will be provided at the Rainbow Bridge landing, where visitors may disembark for the relatively short hike to Ranibow Bridge. Accessible now only by a combination of boat and hiking travel or a long horseback ride, this world famous natural attraction will receive vastly increased visitation as the filling of

Lake Powell Fishing

When going to Lake Powell take your fishing gear, but don't expect to find an Isaac Walton paradise this year.

In a coordinated effort, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Game and Fish Departments of Utah and Arizona have planted approximately seven million small trout and bass in Lake Powell this spring. This is only the start of a program which will eventually make the lake one of the best fishing spots in the nation.

Officials warn, however, that the fish planted this spring will not be of catchable size until 1964. However, who can resist throwing a line into any body of water? After all, there's always a chance.

Lake Powell makes convenient travel by boat a reality."

It is estimated that \$16,000,000 will be spent during the next 10 years for the development of government facilities in the area. This does not include hundreds of thousands of dollars which will be spent by concessions for the development of the marinas at the six boat landings mentioned by Mr. Eden.

For a lake which will eventually stretch 186 miles—with 1800 miles of



BOATING EXPEDITIONS ARE ALREADY EXPLORING THE LAKE AND ITS MANY TRIBUTARY CANYONS. MEMBERS OF THE PAS-ADENA POWER SQUADRON, WHO TOOK FIVE BOATS ON A THREE-DAY EXPEDITION, RETURN FROM THEIR JUNKET NEAR WAHWEAP.

shoreline-six major boating facilities, plus smaller emergency areas, does not seem many. The problem, officials explain, is getting to the launching sites by road. The Colorado canyonlands is one of the most rugged areas in the world. It is a land of sawcut canyons, towers, buttes, spires, sheer cliffs and domes carved from colorful sandstone formations by the forces of erosion through centuries of time. Anyone who visits the area will return, for it is breathtakingly beautiful. But for engineers it is not conducive to the building of roads. Hence, the relatively small number of launching sites.

As this article appears, temporary boat launching facilities are available on the north shore at Wahweap, seven miles from Page, Arizona, site of the Glen Canyon Dam. Art Greene, veteran river-runner and owner of Glen Canyon Tours, Inc., which will operate the Wahweap concession, has built a floating boat landing which will gradually move as the lake fills until it reaches an area where he is building a permanent marina, to be one of the largest in the Southwest

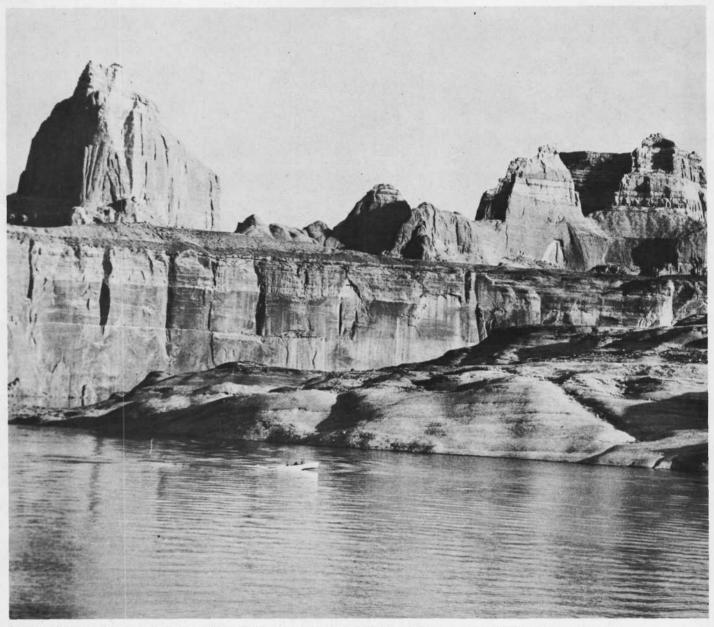
He recently completed a new motel overlooking the lake site and a restaurant and lounge to be leased by wellknown restauranteur Whit Parry, who also operates Parry Lodge in Kanab. Overnight accommodations are also available at Page.

Public camping grounds, parking areas, picnic areas and other facilities for visitors and campers are available at Wahweap through the National Park Service. These will increase as other areas develop.

It is possible that Castle Butte boating site, 147 miles upstream from the dam, may be in operation when this article appears. When water reaches this point it will have covered Hite, former site for launching river boats. For information relative to this area, contact the National Park Service, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Page, Arizona, or the professional guides listed in that area.

As stated before, professional guides will continue to arrange river-runs in this area for the final year during the summer of 1963. A copy of the May issue of *DESERT* containing their names and addresses may be obtained by writing to *DESERT*.

Other concessions mentioned by Mr. Eden probably will not be in operation befor late summer or next year, with the exception of a floating



PASTEL COLORED CLIFFS OF THE COLORADO RIVER AND THE BUTTES BEYOND DWARF A BOAT AT KANE CREEK. WITH THE WATER RISING FIVE FEET A PAY, THE LAND IN THE FOREGROUND AND THE CLIFFS IN THE CENTER WILL SOON BE COVERED BY THE PLACID WATERS OF LAKE POWELL, AFFORDING VISITORS A SPECTACULAR VIEW OF THE BUTTES BEYOND.

boat landing at The Narrows, entrance to famous Rainbow Bridge, one of the scenic wonders of the world

Officials warn there will NOT be fuel or other supplies at The Narrows or Aztec Creek. They are 60 miles from Wahweap and 100 miles from Hite or Castle Butte, so boaters should carry enough fuel for round trips.

As water of the once wild Colorado River rises toward its 500-foot goal to form what will eventually be the largest man-made lake in America, many famous landmarks of the river will disappear forever.

"Wild Rivers" Study

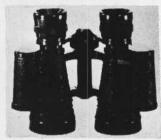
As one stretch of wild river is being tamed, the Departments of Interior and Agriculture have turned their attention to the preservation and conservation of the nation's remaining "wild rivers" particularly suited to outdoor recreation.

The Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture announced appointment of a five-man team to study the problem of shrinking wild river facilities and expanding public demand.

Conversely, as the water reaches into mysterious canyons, creeping into areas never before seen by whitemen, it will disclose to exploring boaters exciting country seen for the first time. Who knows what prehistoric treasurers lie buried in these once inaccessible canyons?

Undoubtedly there will be signs of prehistoric Indian cultures, maybe even bones of giant sloth and dinosaur which roamed the country millions of years ago. And, of course, there is always the possibility of finding the Seven Cities of Cibola and the never-discovered mythical — or were they?—cities with streets paved of gold.

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COOL IDEA FOR DESERT ROOFING



Even though this home's regular roof is already completed—covered with paper and white rock—it can be made cooler. Additional 2x6 rafters are laid atop roof as shown above (two-foot or four-foot center spacing), and bolted together at hip. This provides the foundation for top covering of redwood or cedar strips.



Photo above shows the completed second roof. Large air-gap under 2x6 rafters allows plenty of cooling air circulation, which prevents build-up of heat inside attic. The 1x2 or 1x3 wood slats nailed to top rafters are spaced slightly apart to increase air circulation even more. Result is an extra air space, less heat load on the home, faster dissipation of heat. One thought to bear in mind: what if the regular roof leaks? How could it be repaired without having to tear out the second roof? In the Salton Sea area, where this home is located, the average annual rainfall is three inches—a leaking roof is a slight nuisance, at worst.



QUILLIAM SNOOPS AROUND FOR THE BEST TRAIL TO THE ARCH IN THE BACKGROUND

SIGHTSEEING With a PORCUPINE

By A. T. RUGGERI

THE BEST Utah back-country guide I ever had was a porcupine. He offered no commentary, but showed me new paths through familiar ground. His name is Quilliam, and he literally fell into his job when he crashed out of a ponderosa pine and almost into the arms of my 11-year-old son, William, who joyfully adopted him.

For Quilliam, the boy-beast friendship developed slowly, but after consuming loaves of bread, pounds of carrots and as many rose petals as he could steal, the porcupine decided that bark was never so good, and home is where you eat best. One day, William and Quilliam invited me to take a tour with them. I accepted, expecting a leisurely walk since I thought porcupines did nothing but waddle and grumble along. This is not so. They have adventuresome, galloping spirits. Also stubborn and determined, porcupines have intelligence that has been much underrated.

Following Quilliam, we scrambled up red rock domes near our Moab home, slid down through juniperfilled crevices, panting to keep up with our guide, who jaunted nonchalantly but constantly along. His speed and agility were surprising. Occasionally he loped, and our trip might have ended as an unguided tour had Quilliam made less noise, but on rock his long black claws clicked like castanets; in brush he rustled and rattled every twig and dry leaf.

At one point, temperament overpowered him. He decided that the journey was over and flattened himself into obscurity beneath a stubby, twisted juniper which grew out of a fissure in a rock ledge. The creature refused to join us. William, undisturbed, merely said it was time to eat, produced from his pockets some dry bread and a carrot, which he put near the tree, and began to call softly "Here, Quilliam. Here Quilliam."

Soon our moody guide emerged. William explained that Quilliam can't resist bread and carrots, whereas an earlier porcupine friend he once had could be tempted only with tomatoes or seedless grapes.

Quilliam, sitting up on his haunches like a fat bear, munched on his carrot which he grapsed in his forepaws. His bulging, black marble eyes showed no fear. What a singular creature! — a dark brown, square snout; two enormous tobacco-colored teeth; a hood of white hair — 15 pounds of cactus on legs.

Quilliam looked soft enough to stroke. But, William did not recommend it. Let strangeness touch one guard hair, and immediately Quilliam is transformed. His head tucked between forepaws, his back to the enemy, he now exposes thousands upon thousands of needle-sharp ready-for-action quills. He resembles an enormous cocklebur attached to a tail which lashes back and forth with such speed that the eye cannot see it, but the ear recognizes the sound of the whip.

Lunch over, our friendly hedgehog again led the way. This time, with a full stomach, his fat body rolled from side to side.

Down a metate-shaped sandstone mound, through some dry brush, and to the Colorado River's edge we went. Quilliam sniffed but would not drink—it seemed only a matter of curiosity to him—then through more brush and up a dirt hill to a fallen log. This he liked, climbed upon it, walked its full length several times.

After the animal had smelled, touched and tasted everything along our winding route, he led us home where in mournful tones he requested and got his pay—a loaf of bread.



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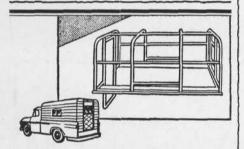
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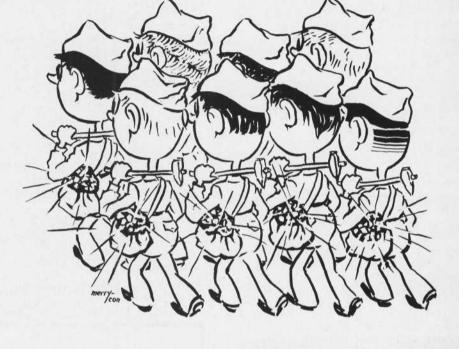
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BOOT CAMP FOR ROCKHOUNDS

BY SIDNEY PHILLIPS

Y FIRST experience with gem polishing occurred when I was in the army and generally making this a better world for some largely unappreciative relatives and some sweethearts named Suzie. I was the editor of the newspaper at Camp Haan, a sprawling, brave, eyesore of a mushroomed post dangling between Riverside and Hemet.

It was a typically new post; meaning that the accommodations weren't by Hilton, and the food . . . well no matter what the cook braised and baked and bruised and burnt it always came out stew! We also boasted a subpost in the desert, some 31 scorched miles from Barstow, called Camp Irwin.

The chaplain of our post came to me and said, "I understand that the morale is bad at Camp Irwin."

I blanched worse than any almond. Poor morale had lost more wars than Spam.

"Get out there once a week and organize some sort of newspaper," suggested the chaplain. "Get that morale up . . . or else. . .

So I hurried by army truck to Camp Irwin and took a reconnoitering look through some of the hutments. I saw 800 pictures of lovelies in bathing suits. Morale was definitely critical!

I talked this matter over with the Commanding Officer, a Colonel who

had soldiered all over the world and had chronic indigestion to prove it. He said, "I have brought several gem polishing gadgets that I think will help keep the soldiers occupied in their spare time."

For an unguarded moment I regarded him as though he were an enemy spy. Gem polishing gadgets! That was in the same class with cutting out paper dolls! He saw the look and silently led me to the recreation hall, where several saws and tumblers and the rest were installed. "This might help," he said somberly. "That is if you exploit it a bit."

"I'll do my best," I promised, looking longingly at some nearby hills I felt inclined to head toward.

But I decided to give the matter a square shake. I doubled back to Barstow and spent some time there in the library. I also talked to a few prospectors, then returned to Camp Irwin and did a first edition of their paper largely devoted to the felicitous hobby of gem polishing. I blazoned that Camp Irwin was a most fortunate location: why grouped around it were beds of semi-precious stones and petrified palm root and even fossilized bones from million-year-old animals no longer with us.

I sort of intimated that the War Department had graciously set the post there so that the soldiers would have access to the valuables. Most posts had access to beer and girls and pizza and shooting-galleries and such commonplaces. But Camp Irwin nudged deposits of agate and opals and what-have-you. Who knows? There might be preposterous rubies around, or sapphires, or better yet.

The rookies were intrigued. Before, they had thought that rocks were just rocks and only suitable for throwing at Colonels the moment that a war ended. Their entire knowledge of gems was rudimentary and they likely thought they came polished right from the ground, were picked up and put into jewelry after a few strokes of jeweler's rouge.

The boys started to drift in, a bit self-consciously, and were given some of the fundamentals of making small prizes from big ungainly chunks of discolored stone. They took to it. Every soldier had either a wife or a slew of sweethearts who would appreciate gems. If he had neither, he certainly had a mother or sister, or a dog who might appreciate something decorative on his collar.

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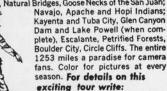


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scurry out into the desert after rocky treasures. They came back with some interesting and occasionally valuable rocks. An enthusiasm gripped the post. Most of the soldiers were in a mood to trade in their rifles for prospector's picks. The good Colonel looked worried. The men didn't seem warlike enough.

While Camp Irwin in actuality was a self evident bit of purgatory, the gem polishing gambit proved as effective as the fence whitewashing trickery that Tom Sawyer practiced. Soldiers doggedly stood in line to get at the apparatus. Stones were compared, traded, sold, coaxed and mailed off. Some tired rookie spent three weeks cutting and polishing a brilliant gem, mailed it off to a girl named Trixie, and then had her air mail back that she coveted a necklace made of 90 such stones, all well matched. Sweethearts never knew what the soldiers went through!

News of the gem polishing bonanza poked back to Camp Haan. The soldiers there felt slighted. All that Riverside had to offer was the usual dissipations . . . but the stark desert had palmy gems!

There is no place in the world where rumors come up so quickly and acquire such validity as on an army post, and immediately there were fantastic stories circulating that a soldier (name unknown) had uncovered a precious gem weighing 80 carats and which made the Hope diamond seem hopeless. It was more than rumored that the entire Barstow area was paved with treasure.

The morale at Camp Irwin glittered! The overflow of this quality could have been bottled and sent to more lethargic army posts. Soldiers who prodigiously drilled all day, hiked in their off hours to find bigger and better stones. The post was alive with competition.

You can believe this or not—but the stones proved somewhat of a sublimation for the girls in the brief bathing suits. When the soldiers were shipped from Irwin to the Second Front, they fought like demons so that they could finish up the necklaces for Trixie and girls loosely called baby.

Because of his ability to instil morale, the Colonel ended up a cozy General. I added a stripe and along with it a lasting regard for the tantalizing art of gem polishing. It's a mansized hobby!

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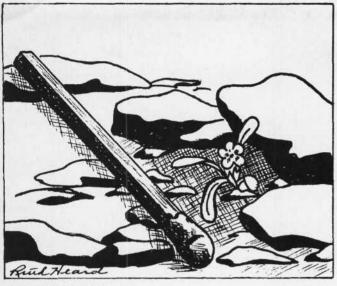


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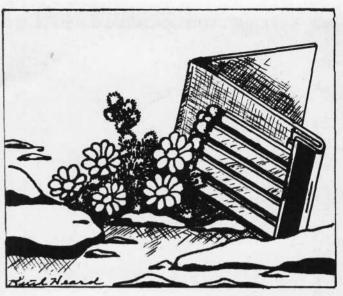
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Our favorite plant is Chorizanthe rigida, not quite an inch high. (Chorizanthe will grow as tall as three inches, but on the Colorado Desert where I live, they seldom reach that height.) Their common name, Spiny Herb, is derived from the spines which cover the tiny branches. Leaves, which disappear early in the dry season, form a rosette around Chorizanthe's base. The little plants are green at first, but as summer approaches, they turn brick-red.

To come across a forest of these tiny shrubs in a setting of pebbles—which appear as huge boulders in comparison— is indeed a delight.



CHORIZANTHE RIGIDA

NATURE'S LITTLE THINGS

By RUTH HEARD

Another favorite miniature of the desert, a true "belly flower" because one must lie prone to see it, is *Monoptilon bellioides*—Desert Star. An inch or so high, they wear beautiful white daisylike flowers with yellow centers. Desert Star is the most beautiful of all the little plants.

But, speaking of beauty, the Nama demissum rates a close second. This little charmer is commonly called Desert Mat because of its prostrate habit. It spreads out, covering an area one- to sixinches in diameter — completely ornamented with pink - purple trumpet-shaped blossoms.

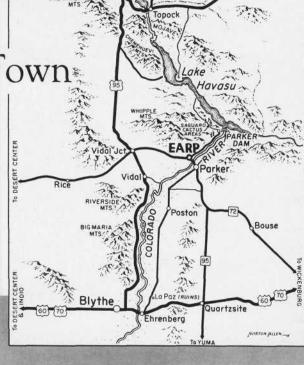
Many times the Eriophyllum wallacei (one- to four - inches high) keeps company with the Nama demissum. Eriophyllum is called Wooly Leaf because of its soft gray-white leaves and stems. The tiny blossoms, measuring less than a half-inch across, are bright yellow.

I wonder at the marvelous chain of events — the rain — the wind—the nutrients of the soil—that create my tiny friends. Standing under the great sky in this big land, I stoop to touch their beauty. In it is the bigness of life.

EARP

The Man and the Town

By PETER R. ODENS





HANDFUL of houses, a grocery, motel, trailer park, gasoline station and a post office-that is the town of Earp, located on the California side of the Colorado River midway between Needles and Blythe. Originally, Earp was called Drennan, but the post office changed names in 1929, at the request of residents and of the Santa Fe Railroad, to honor Wyatt Earp. The famous Westerner had settled in the little town in the 1880s. But, many residents of Earp have made it clear that they are not altogether happy about the association with the man who was called a pioneer, peace officer and miner by some, a cut-throat, gambler and murderer by others.

A jeweler in Needles still remembers Wyatt Earp, but Alfred Williams has no use for the man who has become the great hero of television. "He was a bulldozer," Williams told me, "and he was dirty, too."

It was rumored in Needles that Williams had had an altercation with the great Earp. "Is it true," I asked Williams, "that Earp told you to stay out of his way but that you refused and that, in the end, he was the one who made a detour around you when he met you in the street?"

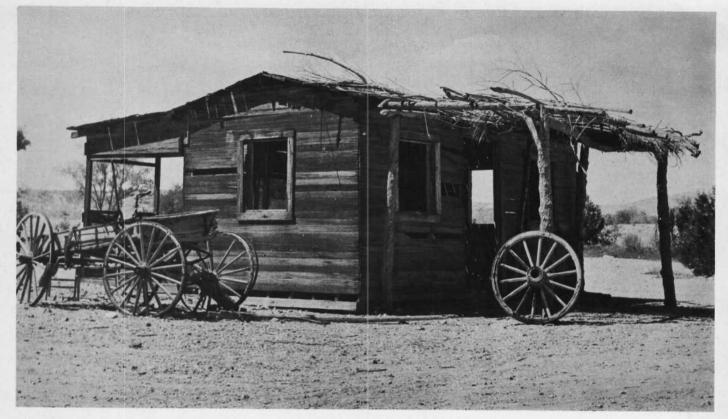
The slight, elderly jeweler bent deeper over his watches. "It wasn't that way at all," he said, but refused to elaborate. A reporter had once written an unauthorized article about the affair, and it had caused Williams "no end of trouble." All he would disclose was that Wyatt Earp had been a "bulldozer" and that he had been "dirty, too!"

What are some of the facts about Earp the man? He was never marshal of Dodge City, but was an assistant marshal from May to September, 1876, and again from May to September in 1879. His own claim that within one month of 1877 he made over 400 arrests is not borne out by fact. During the month in question, Earp was not even a peace officer. On the contrary, he was among those arrested. His offense—brawling with a dance hall girl.

Earp knew how to blow his own horn. He found a willing stooge in Sheriff "Bat" Masterson, who far from being a crack marksman, was such a poor shot that he had to rely on his cane, from whence came his nickname. Perhaps this explains why Masterson thought so much of his buddy's prowess as a sharpshooter that he assured the world that Earp could hit a coyote at 400 yards with his .45 Colt, a ridiculous claim considering that one would have had to



WYATT EARP WHEN HE WAS IN DODGE CITY. PHOTO: COURTESY TOM G. MURRAY COLLECTION.



THE CABIN WYATT EARP ONCE LIVED IN

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shoot in a trajectory arc using the old gun and the powder of the time.

After his exploits in Dodge, Earp set out for Tombstone, Arizona, where the silver rush was on. Masterson, who had found out much to his dismay that the townspeople did not care for him as a sheriff, followed to the silver fields accompanied by Earp's brothers, Jim and Morgan. Also in the same company was a dentist, gambler and cut-throat named Doc Holliday—heroes all!

The story of the famous fight at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone has been told too many times for repeating here. Suffice it to say that the citizens of Tombstone did not care for the way the Earp gang did its fighting.

Soon after the O.K. affair, Earp hopped over the border to California. In present-day Earp there is a street named in honor of Bat Masterson and another after Doc Holliday. In a corner, a couple of hundred yards from the highway, stands the 20x25-foot shack in which Earp lived. An old wood stove is in the shack, a couple of wagon wheels outside. Close by is Earp's old corral.

The residents of Earp like to think that the man who was honored by having their town named after him, is the image of a peace officer, the ideal of a great pioneer of the 19th Century, such as we see Earp portrayed on television; rather than Wyatt Earp as he really was.

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rounding Sierra which from this vantage point stretches mile upon mile into the hazy distance.

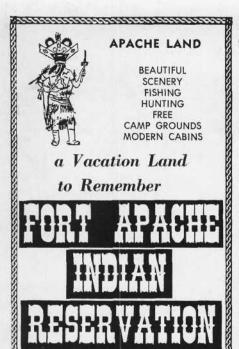
Back at Sageland, where the intersection is marked by an abandoned road house bearing the prosaic name "Shorty's Place," the road reverts once more to an excellent oiled thoroughfare. Five miles beyond is a fair dirt route to U. S. 6 via historic Pinyon Well and Bird Spring Pass through which traveled the Fremont exploration party of 1844 on its way to the San Joaquin Valley. In later years it also was used as an alternate freight route through the mountains. Past Pinyon Canyon the road makes an abrupt swing around a weathered granite promontory known as Rocky Point. On the left are thick clumps of willows through which flows Kelso Creek, here joined by the waters of Woolstalf Creek. From this spot the canyon widens for the next seven miles until it debouches into the South Fork Valley at Weldon. A few abandoned adobe dwellings border the route. Scattered herds of horses and beef cattle graze over the open land where the latter were introduced more than 100 years ago to supply meat for the miners of the Kern River area.

Our backcountry jaunt ends at Weldon, named for a cattleman of the 1850s. A few old structures of this former trading center still remain, of which the two-story A. Brown store building is the most imposing. Across the road are several unpainted barns and cattle corrals. Beyond stands a picturesque flour mill and slaughter house, both constructed before the turn of the century and now utilized for storage.

In pre-white days, Weldon was the site of a Tubatulabal Indian village called Tush-pan. In 1863, during the Civil War, a temporary U. S. Army post called Camp Leonard was established nearby, but its precise location is now unknown.

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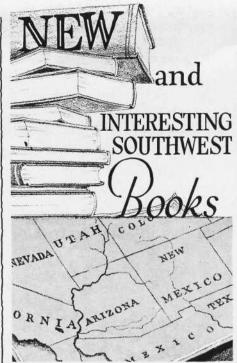
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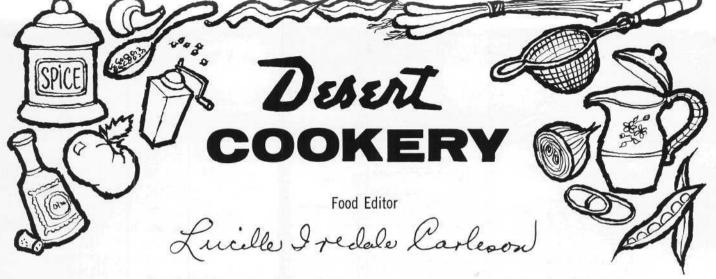
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Although the piquancy of salad was discovered long before the West, it wasn't until creative Western cooks turned their attention to it that the salad really came into its own. Today's crisp lettuce leaf may contain an entire meal, especially during hot summer months.

GRAPE SLAW SALAD

- l medium-sized cabbage shredded finely
- 1 cup seedless grapes
- l cup seeded red grapes, quartered
- 1 cup blanched almonds
- 1 tablespoon celery seed

Mix together and chill above ingredients

- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 tablespoon dry mustard
- l cup sugar
- 2/3 cup white vinegar
- 1/3 cup pineapple juice
 - 3 eggs
- 2/3 cup cream

In the top of double boiler combine flour, mustard, sugar, and 1/3 cup of vinegar. Stir to make a smooth paste. Stir in remainder of vinegar, pineapple juice and eggs which have been beaten until foamy. Cook over hot water until thick and creamy. Chill. When dressing cools, stir in cream. Mix with cabbage. 8 generous servings.

Easy Substitute Dressing

I carton sour cream. Stir in 1/3 cup vinegar and sugar or liquid sucaryl.

SWEET POTATO SALAD

- 3 medium yams, cooked and diced
- l cup sliced celery
- 1/2 cup diced apple
- 1/2 cup pineapple chunks
 - 2 teaspoons pickle relish Moisten with mayonnaise.

Serve in bowl, lined with lettuce leaves.

FANCY FRUIT PLATE

This salad is excellent for a buffet or for a family dinner with fried chicken.

Spears of fresh pineapple

Wedges of watermelon, cantaloupe and crenshaw melon

Peach halves

A few strawberries

Two-inch pieces of banana, rolled first in salad dressing, then in cocoanut.

Curley lettuce.

Dressing:

- 2 cups cottage cheese, into which fold the following:
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
 - l cup sliced grapes, either seedless or red seeded
- 1/2 cup pistachio nuts

Place cheese mixture in center of large serving plate. Surround with fruit on lettuce bed.

CUCUMBER RELISH

- l package lime flavored gelatin
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - I cup hot water
- 3/4 cup cold water
- 1/4 cup vinegar Dash of paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon grated onion
 - 2 cups chopped cucumber

Dissolve gelatin and salt in hot water. Add cold water and vinegar. Chill until slightly thickened. Add remaining ingredients, folding in. Pour into small molds. Chill until firm. Very good with fish. Serves 12.

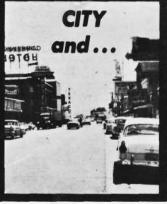
In this day of deep freeze and refrigerated transportation, desert menus may escape their former limitations. Maine lobster is as available to the desert cook as barrel cactus is to the candy-maker—more so since laws have been passed to protect the desert plant. That is why DESERT has asked Lucille Iredale Carleson to share with its readers her wealth of recipes acquired from her many friends throughout the world.

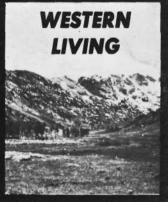
A resident of Salt Lake City and Palm Desert, Mrs. Carleson recently returned from her second trip around the world and her 11th to Europe. She has dined in palaces with princes and in Asian huts with dragomans. She has charmed recipes from the finest amateur culinary conjurors in America.

Some of her recipes will be cherished by *DESERT* gourmets, others will become favorites for family nights at home or around a mesquite-wood fire. All will be simple to prepare. There is no boundary limitation to the source of a good recipe. Neither does there appear to be to Mrs. Carleson's abundant supply.

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